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1. WHO (GUTTERIDGE) INFORMS US THAT DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMISSION OF EXPERTS HAD BEEN SET FOR APRIL 22-23 AND ADDS THAT EXPERTS HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO COME TO GENEVA ON THOSE DATES. NAMES OF EXPERTS ARE REPORTEDLY: A) DR. IBRAHIM WONE, PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST (SENEGAL), B) DR. TRAJAN IONESCU, EPIDEMIOLOGIST (ROMANIA), AND C) DR. PRASTOTANOYO, SOCIAL PEDIATRICIAN (INDONESIA).

2. WHEN INFORMED THAT HIS SECRETARIAT COLLEAGUE FEDELE HAS TOLD US ON APRIL 10 THAT PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE WAS APRIL 23 BUT THAT THIS DATE HAD NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED BY PARTICIPANTS (REF B). GUTTERIDGE EMPHASIZED THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE AND MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 22 AND, IF NECESSARY, ON APRIL 23. EVEN THIS TIMING, HE ADDED, MADE IT OF COURSE IMPOSSIBLE FOR COMMISSION TO COMPLETE STUDY AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO
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27TH WHA AS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION WHA 26.56.

3. ASKED WHETHER THE APRIL 22-23 MEETING WOULD RESULT IN THE PROMPT SENDING OF A NOTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE ME COUNTRIES OF EXPERT COMMISSION PLANS FOR TIMING OF INQUIRY, GUTTERIDGE REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE MATTER FOR EXPERTS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE.

4. IN CONCLUSION, WE OBSERVED THAT SELECTION OF PRE-WHA, RATHER THAN POST-WHA DATES SEEMED TO INCREASE POSSIBILITY OF CONTENTIOUS DEBATE DURING ASSEMBLY--AN EVENTUALITY WHICH WHO, US AND OTHERS PRESUMABLY WISHED AVOID. GUTTERIDGE LIMITED HIS RESPONSE TO INDICATING THAT WHO SECRETARIAT WAS ENDEAVORING CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER MANDATE OF 26TH WHA RESOLUTION. DALE

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